

Complete Communities Round 2
Sunnyside
Second Meeting Notes 12.07.2019

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY (ANGELICA)

- Senior Advocacy -
 - The main issue seniors have is that they cannot get groceries or meals
 - YWCA - Is one of the biggest Meals on Wheels program holders for seniors, they have a Senior Center where seniors can go and have two meals a day, and also a program to transport them to the location. If the seniors cannot move, they are also able to bring meals to their home
 - The best way to reach seniors is to knock on their door, and have a face-to-face interaction, build a relationship. You go once, knock, and then wait for them to invite you back.
 - YWCA has a 9am to 2pm program for seniors with a variety of activities, Health information/talks, one of the most important ones they hold is related to intimate relationships and safety (the highest number of STDs is among seniors, due to the fact that they may not be as informed as to how to stay safe currently, what are the diseases affecting populations now, and other information)
 - Multi-generational programs are important
 - YWCA has a STEM (+ added step program) where you start in primary school and up until high school they can track your progress and performance. It is incorporated within the curriculum of the school, so it is not something that can easily be taken off.
 - The Council integrates seniors and high schoolers
 - Library programs usually integrate students (Middle School and High School) and seniors, but this area needs more attention from the library programming, it does not currently exist.
 - Create relationships with seniors and point person
 - Seniors need food and Meals
 - They need to understand reverse mortgages; no one explains what they are getting themselves into
 - There are technological barriers, they cannot be easily reached by Facebook or the internet
 - Transportation is the key, from the meeting to their apartments. Not everyone has METROLift
 - Have to go to Scott St
 - Churches need to be involved to reach seniors
 - There should be more awareness of the programs that the YWCA offers, and also of where they are located, some people think that they do not exist anymore
- Youth Engagement and Civic Engagement -

- Engaging the youth is difficult in this area, there are no events for selling brands, or products, no community events in general to attract the youth
- There should be more volunteer opportunities and civic unity to encourage kids to get involved
- YWCA would like to expand its building footprint in order to expand their reach and provide more services. At the moment, they are constrained by having to use other spaces to provide these services, like for example, schools
- The Data Books are not the way to reach the youth, because it is too serious, it needs to be fun, educational and fun
- Music and food is always the way to bring in the youth, especially if you involve friends and family
- “Dancing with the Youth” - inspired from *Dancing with the Stars* - is a YWCA program that brings in youth to participate in fun activities, and also engages them
- There could be other festivals too, to interact with the youth, such as Renaissance Festivals and Cultural Festivals, where you have fun, learn from other cultures, and participate.
- How do we move forward without participation across generations?
- Finance is important, kids should know how to save, lending, checking account, how a credit card works. Most of the time, they are the ones that have to take care of this for families, yet they themselves don't know how to do these things. Library programs usually offer “Ready, Set, Bank” - a Financial literacy program and online security program for people to learn about these things and keep themselves safe.
- Everyone should also learn Financial Management related to Medical Care, classes from the Health Department
- To get kids involved you need to start with the parents
- Involve schools as well, schools can bring information to the parents and grandparents, which at times raise the children when the parents are not present
- The school administrations are hard to get a hold of
- Be mindful of youth issues (hunger, children raising children)
- Can internship opportunities be offered for kids in schools?
- Afterschool programs to teach kids about Finance
 - Credit cards, personal finance
 - Special afterschool funding
 - Principals and HISD trustees can be barriers
- Partnerships, Funding, and Social Entrepreneurship
 - A lot of people don't know what entrepreneurship means, people that have businesses don't even know!
 - There should be more entrepreneurship programs, from the very basics of it to how to start a business
 - YWCA is running commercials for a program that will be starting in January 20th, they are looking to expand, but it relates to entrepreneurial classes and workshops

- The best way to reach young people is through Tik Tok and Instagram
- Reaching adults or young adults is hard though...a lot of adults are not interested (20s and up) and some just don't have the time, they have parents, children, siblings to take care of...I don't know how you can reach them if they are not interested in the first place
- There are also no creative places in this area for anyone to use. A makerspace would be nice, and it is needed for creativity. A free place where people can create.
 - This shouldn't be a difficult task, you shouldn't have to drive people across miles to get there, you shouldn't have to pay, there should be a secure environment
 - TXRX is open to kids for free, but moving kids is expensive, it is very inaccessible
- There is not a community garden either, for people to use
- You should involve kids in Elementary School so they can grow and participate (for this, you need to get parents involved, without parents you cannot involve the kids)
 - The difficult part is that parents don't have time, they have jobs and limited capacity to be involved
 - Kids may want to participate but cannot stay or have domestic things to take care of - like caring for their siblings, house responsibilities, and others
- We want small businesses in the neighborhood that look like us
- The City needs to do a better job at making things happen, there are too many meetings and no results!
- The Houston Land Bank is looking to build single family homes in the area
- All approaches that the City takes should fit Sunnyside
- Schnur Park is always alone, there should be more activities there

ECONOMY AND JOBS (KAEDE)

- Solar Farm
 - Sunnyside Trust: resident board could choose to fund community projects.
 - Northern portion of the farm will be a 2 MW community owned array. Residents can buy a portion of the ray and the energy credits will follow them wherever they move in CenterPoint territory, even as renters.
 - Owning a portion of the array is the same tax-wise as having it mounted on your roof, but it doesn't tie you down to the building you are living in when you subscribe to the array.
 - There should not be trees growing on a capped landfill. First step is to remediate the site and restore the cap.
 - 10% of the workforce will be hired locally. Job training will be available on site and is also already available at HCC to help meet this goal. Partnership between Wolfe Energy and HCC pending. Wolfe Energy plans to hand the list of students from HCC over to the Install Team so that they can be considered for employment.
 - Discount power for seniors and low-income residents.
 - Help people switch if their rates are higher than the 10.9 cent/kwh rate the solar farm aims to offer, and pay for their switch-- make the switch easy for them.

- Major costs include remediation of 240 acres of land and the cost of installing a substation, and one challenge is that electricity costs are really low in Texas. Need \$250k in seed funding to get the restoration process started.
- The site also hopes to serve as an agricultural hub for aquaponics education. Residents could learn to do aquaponics farming at the hub and then start satellite gardens in their backyard.
- The landfill is a historic site of racial and environmental injustice, and the solar farm needs to work to create a better relationship between Sunnyside and the site.
- Battery backup the community center to make it an (unofficial) shelter.
- Education courses create jobs, even if the students don't end up working at this particular solar farm. The courses will end with installing and permitting 4KW arrays, which is a skill student can take with them.
- Installation of the farm could take up to 3-4 years.
- Wolfe Energy is hoping to attract clients like Rice and TSU to buy large amounts of the power produced by the farm (institutional clients).
- Infrastructure turnaround could bring jobs and other businesses
- Banking
 - Attract local banks and credit unions where people will feel a sense of ownership, unlike at Wells Fargo or Chase.
 - Get in touch with Chase to see why they left the neighborhood. This could help with figuring out what needs to be done to attract a new bank.
- Agriculture
 - Existing: Hope Farms at Airport and Scott. They have craft fairs and farmers markets on this site where people sell skincare, jewelry, etc. that they make, and yoga classes.
 - Wolfe Energy should work with Hope Farms to make their planned agriculture hub fit into the existing urban farming infrastructure.
 - Worthing High School has an agriculture program that could bring youth to this process.
- Development
 - 288 corridor and west has a lot of vacant land.
 - The former Carnegie Elementary site could be a good portion of vacant land to develop.
 - Natural boundary is really to the east of 288. We should develop the true center of Sunnyside, as determined using this natural boundary. This center might be around Cullen Blvd and Reed Rd, which already has a concentration of retail uses including the only bank and grocery store in the neighborhood.
 - There really is not a need to develop additional plots when the buildings that already exist are often falling apart. Let's just make these nice.
 - More development-> more flooding, and Sunnyside already floods really bad pretty much all over the neighborhood. Intentional green space wherever possible in the place of new development could help to solve this.
 - We don't need more stuff; we need more quality stuff. Don't build up just to build up.

- We need more spaces for the youth to develop creative projects. Sunnyside youth are talented-- painting, videos, art, seminars, etc. Need some kind of makerspace for them.
 - Johnson Library could be updated to serve this need.
 - We need to re-envision what a library is and how it serves residents, because media has changed so much since libraries like Johnson were built.
 - The library at MLK and Griggs is a good example.
- Sims Bayou as a connector between historic Black neighborhoods-- we should develop hike and bike trails more so that this connection is stronger.
- The industries in the western portion of the neighborhood could employ all of the residents in Sunnyside, but we don't know anybody who works over there. These businesses should outreach to the community more and be required to hire from Sunnyside, like the solar farm.
- Need a Work Source. The closest one is on Stella Link and it's too far for people who might not even have a means of getting there.
- Vacant land should be reverted back to urban agriculture.
 - Having a farm to table restaurant could bring people to the neighborhood.
 - Community gardens like Hope Farms
- Lift Off and Turn Around Houston-- city programs that hold workshops for small businesses. However, this is a problem in Sunnyside, because many people do not have time to consider entrepreneurship between other jobs and taking care of family. Workshops to help people understand how to get a business off the ground might be more productive.
- Attract people to these kinds of meetings using social media (FB, Twitter, IG) and TIRZ 26
- Partners:
 - Trap Social (Vendor Space) -- Ebony and Courtney-- IG: @trapsocialhtx, @boozier_baby
 - The Media Block-- IG: @themediablock
 - Ilove3rdward-- IG: @ilove3rdward
 - Wolfe Energy
 - Solarunitedneighbors.org
 - Methodist Foundation

EDUCATION (NICOLE)

- Existing services but residents don't know about them at HCC
 - credit courses are offered
 - Testing Support
 - Career support
 - Construction, electrical training
 - Senior programs exist at HCC as well
- Missing:
 - Special Ed. services outside school
 - Early education students don't have access
 - Inclusionary services
 - Fear of misdiagnosis or not at all
 - More individualized services
- Teachers can't specialize in everything

- Need:
 - Programs on agriculture, veterinary care, engineering
 - Lots of open space to work with here animal husbandry
 - Health and medical instruction
 - More vocational programs
- Connect with TSU - UH to get counseling services, can partner
- Map what is offered in Sunnyside
 - auto mechanic, cosmetology, programs disappeared
- Teach the kids the way they learn
- Do teachers have training for social/ emotional reasoning?
- Need to provide equity amongst all schools
- Need more programs for schooling for non-school age adults
 - Need to motivate people to go back to senior high school
- How do we improve marketing for the services already available?
- There is no community center in Sunnyside focused on youth
- Nonacademic programs to occupy kids
- Need access to a large grocer without transportation needed
- Charter schools perform better because they select their students - misleading data
- Get parents involved in PTO through creative outreach methods
- Schools need support
 - More people to address discipline and mental health issues
- Healthier nutritional options
- Look at out of school time for school age kids before they drop out, many students drop out after falling behind during summer breaks
- Increase social Services
 - Mental health
 - Vocational opportunities
 - Literacy
 - Entrepreneurship
- Marketing Strategy
 - Community partners
- Equity education outreach
 - resources

HEALTH (Suzane)

- Nonpayment of rent due to hospitalization which leads to unable to work which leads to eviction. It becomes a cyclical problem.
- Mold issues in apartments are not fixed by management because renter is not up to date on rent or management just will not address the mold issues. State law prohibits case being filed if renter is not up to date on payments
- Key properties: 4141 Barberry and 5050 sunflower

- Justice of peace tracking cases and identified trend: higher evictions, higher crime, higher health issues.
 - Cannot fix lice issue due to lack of washer and dryer at home to prevent issue leads to neglect of kids and care.
 - Resources: community cares at HHD
- Set up referral system between HHD and HPD to identify cases. They still need to address transportation.
 - Resource Baylor Teen Clinic
- Challenge is that calls for assistance (re: eviction) to 911 don't help. They need a bridge between 911 and a community resource referral.
- Need training to address issues around the primary concern for a call to 911 or 211 or 311
- Project: HHD use Justice of Peace space for community resource assistance
- How to centralize a process of issues that connect residents to community resources?
- East side of cities pose a challenge in air quality. There need funds to help address challenge
- Community service officers can help connect residents with community related issue to resources available.
- Can the city look at asthma cases in clusters? HHD is starting a project with CDC funding to address issues need to focus on the east side of the city.
- Summary:
 - Connect calls for assistance regarding eviction, environment, home environment, through 911 to community resources
 - Address asthma through clusters
- 5G+ right of way infrastructure emits harmful EMF radiation (Ezenachi Rasidi, afrozencity@protonmail.com)

INFRASTRUCTURE: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS (CYNTHIA AND SUSAN)

- Get more definitive markings of where sidewalks are needed
- Sidewalks are needed around schools
 - Add schools to our maps
- Cullen to 288
- Drainage studies needed North of Sunnyside
 - Sunnyside does not flood
 - Could covering ditches and adding sidewalks work?
 - What about elevated sidewalks to not cover ditches?
 - Which is least expensive
 - Safety concerns for bridges as sidewalks
 - Could take 2-5 years to redo street with new drainage
- Top streets that need sidewalks:
 - Brandon
 - Colonial
 - Rosemont
- There is funding to repair sidewalks

- Sidewalks without ditches are easy to get done
- Keep ditches clean and clear from dumping
- The speed humps
 - are square
 - People don't stop for the speed humps
 - People don't realize how high they are so they drive by them and damage their car
 - Are not smooth, inconsistent signs
 - Are not visible at night, no reflective markings
- Sidewalks
 - Not just putting them on one side of the street
 - Inconsistent sidewalks on Rosehaven between Reed and Airport
 - Followed up with HPW
 - Uneven sidewalks, trash / weeds/ debris obstructing sidewalks on Bellfort from Cullen to 288
 - Inconsistent sidewalk networks in all of north Sunnyside, near the residential areas
- Need better and more clear crosswalks especially Scott/Bellfort, schools
 - Students have to walk in streets and is very dangerous
- Need better lighting especially in high volume locations like bus stops
- Rain water runs east- west down Rosemont and Stassen to Scott, causing bad street flooding there
- Potholes EVERYWHERE! Especially on Bellfort between Sunnyside Park and 288, and on neighborhood streets North of Bellfort / West of Scott.

NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER (DAVID)

- Dumping Hot spots
 - Sunbeam and Rack
 - Chesterfield and along Asheville
- Neighborhood Cleanups
 - Give the youth something to do
 - Project incentives
 - Promote at the schools
 - Get community service hours
 - Clean up through the district CM's office
 - Advertised through the civic clubs with low turnout
 - Need better organizing
 - MLK Day + NNV
 - Need to recruit new leadership
 - Juneteenth celebration
 - Is it in the neighborhood?
 - Don't know who to go to
- Reed Rd + Rosehaven Dr.
 - Neighborhood market down

- Needs beautification
- Neglect because people think- someone's going to do it
- Neighborhood cleanups
 - Notice is not given for enough in advance
- Abandoned houses at
 - Chimira Ln +Sierra Dr.
 - Use area for truck parking
- Illegal dumping on Gladstone +Red Bun
 - Vacant lots
 - Trucks drive by? Heavy trash pickup (residences)
 - Need to call in 311
- Slogan
 - "Don't mess with Texas"
 - Crime stoppers have illegal dumping sign
- Travis Manion Foundation
 - Help with service projects
- Esplanade Beautification
 - TIRZ or the MD?
- Notification
 - Seniors not online
 - Hand outs
 - Work with store owners

Potential partners at the HCC, they are already organizing clean-ups and a youth service program in the neighborhood - Noel Bezette (Associate Dean) noel.bezette@hccs.edu 713.718.6077

- Top 3
 - Better communication needed with seniors and residents
 - Block walk
 - Illegal dumping
 - There is a facility that takes trash for free
 - Educate the residents so that they will not dump on the street

PARKS AND COMMUNITY AMENITIES (MARIO)

- Police officers
 - Making a space for a police officer to pull in and due a report in the park.
 - Police mini building- officer can go into.
 - More lighting/eyes on the park
 - An extra officer shift
 - Officers work out of Reed store front, Palm center Storefront, MgKawa Station
 - More surveillance cameras
 - Possible emergency button station by trails
 - HPD AARP partnership- citizen Patrol
 - Two places with issues

- Shooting, drugs, gang violence
 - Officers who patrol the area
 - R. Winn
 - M. Creswell
 - R. Jones
 - L. Anderson
 - C. Castillo
 - Z. Scott
- We need citizens who will call and are not afraid
- More activities in pavilions
- At Sunnyside park scheduled for pool, concession stand
- Bike patrol with council donations- district D (x2)
- Johnson Library: STEM programs, computer classes, story time for kids, 50+ computer classes.
- Cultural Center: local art (MLK and Belfort, there is a large mural of Obama and MLK) they should partner with UH, TSU, HCC, Local Churches, Habitat for Humanity.
- New art and community classes at Multi Service Center. (x2)
- Pathway + Gateway markers @ Sunnyside Entrance (x2)
- Churches with historical context (x3)
- Trash cans don't get collected, new park equipment.
- Sunnyside Park improvements
- Boys and Girls Club. they should bring one to Sunnyside (x3)
- Vacant land becomes unsightly
- Land by Kandy Stripe Academy is prime because of the bus routes that run along it. They should add splash pads, water park, YMCA, Bikeways, and walkways along here
- Recycling, especially for the apartments in the area. (x2)
- New police post with 4-5 officers
- Map comments
 - Safety issue at the Sunnyside park: gang violence and drugs
 - Seniors of distinction at storefront
 - At Sunnyside park: needs more trash pickup, new playground, and repair of the jogging trails
 - Coordinate cultural events with the colleges in the area
 - Murals with local artists similar to that of MLK and Belfort
 - Safety issues at Cloverland park: shootings
- Organization partner sheet:
 - COH General services department- parks. Thomas McWhorter. (832) 393 8057
 - Nature Heritage Society
 - T. Harris HPD (832) 394 1749
 - Lisa Graiff Houston Parks Board (832) 394-1749
 - Latricia Nash Houston Police 832 394 1368
 - Houston Public Library Diana Cacedo 832 393 1368
 - ABA Sensei PLLC Jelisa Scott 318 655 7325

SAFETY (Davonte)

- Scott, Amelia, and Airport
 - Weekend patrols
 - Race cars/ motorcycles
- Violent Crime
 - Rosemont
 - Gang members
 - Prostitution assault
- 8300 McGowen
 - Positive Interaction Program (PIP) on Thursdays at 7pm
- Cameras along Scott St. needed
- Guest Speakers at PIP meetings
 - Crime Statistics
 - Christmas party in December
- City wide PIP - every other month
 - 1601 State St
- Increase in bike patrol
- HoustonTx.gov. Houston police department, download site
- Rosehaven and Davenport
 - Break-in of a car
 - High vs low priority
 - It's currently happening
- Crime Prevention through environmental design
- CEPTED Survey - available from HPD differential Response team
- Priorities:
 - Senior Safety - they got robbed at MSC., coming out of the bank
 - Preventing Burglaries, theft at businesses
 - Happens while they are open for bus
- HPD can speak to prop owners about getting security guards
- Hot Spot- Cullen and Wilmington Family Dollar
- Hot Spot - Family Dollar at 288 and Reed
- Reed Park apartments have security issues
- Chief troy Finner has assigned patrols in some hot spot areas
- Young kids stealing
- Idea:
 - HPD partners with Star of Hope to resolve these issues
 - Other agencies should partner with Star of Hope to help residents integrate into the community in a productive way
- Need to reach out to SW Patrol Station because SOH is in their area
- Sunnyside has a great relationship with HPD
- Seniors bitten by stray dogs
 - They're afraid to approach the owner to not stir up trouble with neighbor

- SE Patrol just started animal control unit
- Some people own multiple dogs, pit bulls, let them run loose
- Need to let people know about BARC spay/neuter services - disseminate info at community events like monthly meals for seniors
- People need to meet officers - know they're real people like them
- Top ideas:
 - Partner with businesses, HPD, Community to address crime issues
 - CPTED
 - PIP meetings
 - Community awareness of the need to speak up about issues
 - It's okay to call police
 - Meet with Star of Hope Mgmt. Invite mgmt. To attend PIP meetings
 - Build relationships with youth
 - Partner DRT units SE and SW

HOUSING (ADELLE)

- Basic repairs of homes are required, many of the homes are 50+yrs old and in need of repairs such as holes in siding or roof repairs, this is due to aged homeowners who have not undertaken maintenance or preparedness for storms (Harvey, Rita etc).
- Some homes need complete overhaul - storms over the years have caused shifting foundations, cracks in foundations with trees and grass growing through the middle of the house. Walls and structural elements are weak due to shifting foundations x 3
- Most homes need to be rebuilt - ones that are okay need new foundations, roofs are bad and homes with ageing siding are done for
- Not maintaining landscape around homes, means tree roots etc are causing damages to housing foundations x 2
- Gutters are challenged - damage due to water is occurring in homes, long term condition/maintenance repairs haven't been done
- Need to work with residents to develop wills and identify repairs required, work to educate senior citizens on when the cost of repairs on a 50yr old home will exceed / not = the value of the property (more money will be spent repairing or elevating than the property is valued at)
- UH bought property @ Hope Farms?
- Termite assessments need to be undertaken, plumbing is corroding (copper) needing total replacement
- We need more affordable rental housing to keep people in the neighborhood - SSI of \$700 per month doesn't equate to decent living, or fair rent - you get rat infested homes, that aren't livable (neighborhood has a pest control issue)
- COH need to go through the neighborhood and maintain the homes - do repairs for elderly residents who can't, and address dumping
- Bringing home to livable standards not feasible due to home being not worth the investment
- Assess the value of work required to bring home to livable standards is needed

- This area (Rosemont St, Brandon St) is the first edition, from Holmes Rd to Scott St, the next one across is Blue Bonnet Edition (Belfort to Reed Rd; Scott to Cullen). Had family members come to build homes
- Need complete assessment to understand what money/investment is required vs the money required to build a new home
- Grass roots organizations (young people) are taking on personal projects (property might be valued at 25K, but at auction is selling for \$50-55K, young people don't have that much disposable cash, means investors are the only people who can afford to buy / redevelop
- Need to resolve title and probate issues (costly/timely) one person has legal fees at \$1500 and still not resolved
- Replace any new homes with affordable housing for the people who live there currently - need it to be spread across the whole zip code
- New homes need to be built everywhere
- Need a ratio of affordable and senior housing across the home
- SF homes or MF homes are required to ensure area school attendance, if the schools don't get the student numbers they can't get families to stay
- There are inheritance issues on vacant properties, or a policy to prioritize local people to purchase homes before they go to sale at the clearing house / auction
- \$2 million park at SMSC - Anna Dupree \$25 million in senior facilities, \$15 million in amenities
- There is interest in an owner builder initiative / co-op with the HLB and HCLT
- Predatory Banking on Seniors: senior homeowners are signing reverse mortgages, doing quick deeds, paying taxes, and properties are being lost. Banks need to be accountable - there should be a policy that they must contact seniors plus residents under 35yrs of age to reduce predatory lending. Banks need to have multi-generational approaches
- What is AF for housing price should be valued at 30% of the median household income over 12 months ($\$27,628 \times 0.3 = \$8,288.40 \times 12 = \$99,460.80$)
- More churches than houses, why couldn't the churches give back to the community, they have land and are owned by a mix of single owners and 501c3s.
- Church population has aged out, they don't have a younger demographic, why couldn't buildings or lots be repurposed for living communities instead of vacant? Need to challenge the churches to be better at helping the community
- Outreach Strategies need to include door to door; door hangers; social media; parents and students
- HLB website user experience is not friendly - it doesn't have helpful information
- There are investors here - but who are they building for?
- There are local realtors (we buy ugly homes etc) who would know the number of vacant homes, also known as the US postal services
- HCAD data needs to be reviewed for who owns what
- Education gap in owners - those who purchased in the 60s and 70s still live in their homes, but ownership skipped a generation (due to drugs of the 80s and 90s) properties have inheritance issues, the younger

- Groups to contact include; Young Black Professionals; Urban League; NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers); Greek organizations (colleges) and Young Professional African Organizations / Network
- Funding is required to do neighborhood improvements / targeted development. Need structure in the requests for engagement. Show up with a plan to get millennial buy-in, they have a “what do I get for me attitude?”
- Whole zip codes are challenged
- Mental health facilities needed to meet the need of safe homes COH needs to address and check them
- Investors need to be regulated - not purchase additional properties
- Harassment of land and property owners to sell / maintain lots
- Need to target the people (younger) with knowledge and energy to understand structure needed where to get \$ grant or policy to help bring to the table
- COH to show the \$ opportunities and housing development neighborhoods

Map Comments

- Seniors have finances but struggle with the debt to income ratio (this is the barrier), they can have good credit, but because they are senior citizens can't get mortgages
- Seniors downsizing can't get into senior units because they have too much in savings to qualify for assistance, but they also can't afford other housing options because of debt ratios
- Seniors also need affordable and safe options, in scattered site developments so as not to be targeted
- Could a program be developed where seniors purchase duplex/ two unit homes, where they live in one and rent the other to another senior at an affordable price?
- Who knows about the Harvey recovery \$\$ programs, how do we educate ourselves and share the word? A lot of it is done by word of mouth, social media and who you know
- There are inheritance issues
- Important to develop local businesses at the same time as developing housing opportunities to ensure the neighborhood still looks like the neighborhood
- Need to target young family members of elderly owners who need wills, know how to own homes
- Education campaign to report on trees / power lines etc. that need maintenance
- Outreach needs to be done on the COH down payment assistance program
- There isn't a gym currently
- Scott street is a high crime corridor
- There are 200 churches in the neighborhood - do they own other land?
- Noel St to Jutland Rd, from Brinkley St to Reed Rd is vacant / an investment property / new houses
- Subdivisions/ area adjacent to Jenkins (Margaret) Park is solid, however the small corner of vacant properties between Ashville Dr, east to Scott St and from Jipsie Ln south to Airport Blvd. have always been problem/vacant zone (can't find owners)
- South of Holmes Rd, from SH288 to Scott St, and south of Bellfort from Sunnyside Park east to Ferdinand St are prime targets for redevelopment

Top Point

- Rehabilitation / reconstruction of affordable housing for all demographics (address barriers such as probate issues including inheritance and wills), ensure education and outreach opportunities exist and target seniors and young professionals